

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Michel BAYLOT, *et al.*

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For: A buoyancy device and a method for stabilizing  
and controlling the lowering or raising of a  
structure between the surface and the sea floor

Examiner: Basinger, Sherman D.  
Group Art: 3617

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**RESPONSE**

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of September 21, 2009. Please charge our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412 in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the government fee for a one-month extension of time so that the period for response is extended to January 21, 2010. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated September 21, 2009, as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.